

DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1979

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available
r. figure or series revised since previous issue
n.y.a. not yet available

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																		
October	7,884	7,016			35.6	7,398	7,445	22,622	22,103	660	622	436	415	40.8	34.8	267	230	
November	8,437	7,309	22,020		40.7	7,112	7,523	22,404	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228	
December	4,996	6,315			25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252	
January	4,565	6,285			25.5	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229	
February	7,242	7,045	22,214		34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238	
March	7,464	7,174			37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259	
April	5,709	6,807			32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249	
May	8,209	6,821	18,255		40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235	
June	7,087	6,722			34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246	
1979-80																		
July	6,513	6,190			36.5	8,977	7,802	230,611	224,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241	
August	6,853	7,236	24,667		39.4	8,991	7,967	230,228	225,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272	
September	7,384	7,532			33.5	8,025	7,925	226,762	224,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301	
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	7,930	7,877	225,885	225,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274	
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	7,513	7,976	23,284	25,481	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294	

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
October	3,871	3,477	839	722	12,323	259	243	229.7	753	483	107,746	77.8	20,499	75.8	20,603	
November	3,642	3,373	840	680	11,868	258	248	231.5	724	468	91,065	75.1				
December	2,791	3,140	650	733	8,942	208	239	233.6	665	463	50,813	73.7				
January	1,228	3,118	347	641	4,207	215	236	237.0	579	462	37,547	70.7	21,231	71.7	21,254	
February	3,061	2,903	764	680	11,541	229	244	241.5	434	480	34,939	73.2				
March	4,214	3,878	760	657	12,340	243	232	244.7	375	457	41,955	74.1				
April	2,766	3,332	553	636	10,114	199	218	248.7	289	454	32,532	72.6	21,989	76.1	21,936	
May	3,599	3,442	678	639	13,741	216	195	252.1	243	467	32,671	72.6				
June	4,491	3,837	663	755	13,822	182	181	255.3	231	471	22,989					
1978-80																
July	3,921	3,804	759	760	13,619	190	185	259.2	312	482	42,877	74.7	23,028	77.0	22,942	
August	4,091	3,246	779	742	13,353	214	208	261.5	484	511	79,499	76.1				
September	4,925	4,536	754	786	11,914	211	215	263.3	617	501	85,937					
October	3,745	3,254	929	744	14,758	235	211	266.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
November	3,659	3,092	995	840	13,394	202	191	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Interests of Australia.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c)		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
					Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1978-79											
October	1,137	1,145	1,194	1,109	2,425	2,228	137	-364	263	3,328	3,359
November	1,208	1,147	1,206	1,142			137	-215	282	3,226	3,259
December	1,088	1,163	1,034	1,155			140	-251	187	3,200	3,229
January	1,314	1,264	1,213	1,120	2,596	2,114	142	-212	105	3,377	3,450
February	1,132	1,209	1,051	1,130			146	-135	357	3,723	3,705
March	1,172	1,272	1,144	1,190			149	-314	196	3,600	3,605
April	1,246	1,250	1,120	1,213	2,589	2,202	156	-248	341	3,677	3,610
May	1,493	1,393	1,318	1,251			159	-179	240	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,364			161	-199	226	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,402	1,387	1,227	1,135	2,569	2,001	161	-252	122	3,865	3,814
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232			162	-265	41	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,460	1,102	1,200			163	51	-247	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4,106	4,129
November	1,682	1,615	1,371	1,317			n.y.a.	-4	17	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A. at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE														Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Retail Sales (a)														
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79														
October	2,091	2,124	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983	
November	2,234	2,114							39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,000	
December	2,891	2,184							35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027	
January	2,038	2,182	3,149	3,189	1,932	2,235	1,075	1,134	31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,027	
February	1,945	2,203							35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021	
March	2,174	2,217							38.9	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,017	
April	2,087	2,218	3,230	3,297	2,247	2,221	1,080	1,152	36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	3,016	
May	2,337	2,259							45.4	40.3	10.7	9.5	3,029	
June	2,140	2,226							40.2	40.1	9.7	8.7	3,034	
1979-80														
July	2,181	2,327	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.2	43.2	10.4	9.5	3,047	
August	2,322	2,325							43.3	39.6	9.8	9.1	3,030	
September	2,176	2,323							36.1	38.4	8.9	9.8	3,023	
October	2,334	2,304	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39.4	38.0	10.7	10.1	3,027	
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territories and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month: amounts financed to new agreements made were: April \$m136, May \$m160, June \$m138, July \$m143.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)														
Month		Average weekly earnings p-r employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (h) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	October	228.20	222.00	547.3	n.a.	258.2	242.6	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5
	November			547.5	n.a.		244.0							
	December			569.5	n.a.		245.3							
	January	222.80	231.00	569.6	n.a.	262.6	250.1	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7
	February			569.7	n.a.		251.9							
	March			570.1	n.a.		251.9							
	April	232.80	231.40	570.3	n.a.	269.6	259.6	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
	May			570.4	n.a.		263.3							
	June			588.1	n.a.		267.4							
1979-80	July	237.80	238.10	588.3	1.3	275.8	272.6	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
	August			588.5	1.4		270.9							
	September			588.6	1.3		271.5							
	October			n.y.a.	1.4		275.1							
	November			n.y.a.	1.5		276.2							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330 0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

										Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises						
		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in build- ing other than house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m		
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original		Original	Seas. adj.	Original		Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	October	582.5	540.4	11.1	10.4	105.7						262.0	260.9	r662.3	r588.5	r1,667.7	r1,569.9	
	November	637.3	545.6	11.4	10.5	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5	263.0	262.5						
	December	460.1	519.6	9.8	10.9	70.6					264.6	264.4						
	January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4					266.9	268.3	r452.6	r555.1	r1,448.5	r1,655.9		
	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7	270.9	273.4						
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0					273.7	275.0						
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9					277.2	277.3						
May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	31.3	278.7	278.6	r583.8	r562.7	r1,876.1	r1,746.4			
June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6					280.2	279.3							
1979-80	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6						283.6	285.2	516.0	503.9	1,507.3	1,526.6	
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.7	31.0	287.6	288.5						
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.7	126.9					290.6	290.2						
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3					293.4	292.2						
	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					295.0	293.8						

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0

FINANCE

		Savings banks - Depositors' Balances (a)		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c)	Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
		\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			\$m	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m			Other lenders (e) \$m	Original	Seas. adj.
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,090	14,357	14,017	16,094	300	177	93	8.69	500.8	1,658	2,146	
	November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,158	14,324	14,122	16,350	342	195	105	8.66		2,396	2,268	
	December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,327	14,515	14,373	16,571	246	164	79	8.67		1,776	2,270	
	January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,431	14,366	14,501	16,586	334	172	80	8.72	172.2	2,115	2,338	
	February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8.77		2,347	2,423	
	March	19,340	19,463	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,779	16,755	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,384	
	April	19,229	19,558	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61	1127.9	3,346	2,425	
	May	19,462	19,758	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	183	109	9.70		3,233	2,215	
June	19,833	19,884	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94	2,623		2,342		
1979-80	July	19,927	19,980	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94	465.7	1,887	2,272	
	August	20,131	20,094	19,956	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94		2,606	2,612	
	September	20,247	20,102	20,314	20,787	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95		1,883	2,508	
	October	20,364	20,115	20,995	21,027	16,215	15,829	17,841	356	208	96	9.95	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	21,463	21,518	16,411	16,179	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds, which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (a)

Quarter	Gross domestic product \$m		Gross farm product \$m		Gross non-farm product \$m		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1977-78 June	22,592	23,439	582	1,051	22,010	22,318	14,176	14,178	4,038	3,904	3,530	3,378	2,320	1,978
1978-79 September	23,900	24,472	1,017	1,510	22,883	22,962	14,377	14,492	4,061	4,094	3,360	3,366	1,814	1,965
December	27,091	24,985	2,348	1,586	24,743	23,399	15,689	14,886	4,279	4,125	3,794	3,589	2,082	1,990
March	25,366	25,989	2,162	1,706	23,204	24,283	14,763	15,465	3,950	4,219	3,348	3,717	1,793	2,093
June	25,269	26,489	1,115	1,888	24,154	24,601	15,708	15,711	4,418	4,272	3,975	3,802	2,525	2,152
1979-80 September	27,000	27,307	1,441	1,814	25,559	25,493	16,062	16,216	4,277	4,311	3,567	3,570	1,960	2,124

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES

1977-78 June	15,694	16,541	398	947	15,296	15,594	9,822	9,806	2,881	2,789	2,397	2,288	1,618	1,363
1978-79 September	16,488	17,006	719	1,282	15,769	15,724	9,748	9,817	2,839	2,862	2,272	2,268	1,252	1,361
December	18,927	17,158	2,093	1,288	16,834	15,870	10,337	9,832	2,969	2,888	2,490	2,374	1,417	1,359
March	17,114	17,323	1,806	1,226	15,308	16,094	9,525	9,983	2,670	2,819	2,152	2,382	1,183	1,390
June	16,084	17,252	477	1,305	15,607	15,947	9,939	9,920	2,959	2,865	2,505	2,392	1,633	1,376
1979-80 September	17,106	17,369	802	1,214	16,304	16,155	9,915	9,997	2,776	2,798	2,197	2,191	1,232	1,340

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services \$m		Exports of goods and services \$m		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements \$m		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises \$m	Other household income \$m	Less direct taxes, etc. (b) \$m	Household disposable income \$m
					Companies \$m		Other \$m							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1977-78 June	3,806	3,796	3,571	3,542	2,708	2,744	3,982	4,819	13,174	13,279	79	19,970	5,205	14,845
1978-79 September	4,056	3,958	3,561	3,618	2,668	2,665	5,109	5,377	13,484	13,643	492	19,944	2,813	17,624
December	4,276	4,398	4,000	3,828	3,245	2,786	6,787	5,608	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,228	3,009	19,950
March	4,315	4,318	4,246	4,416	2,322	2,775	6,061	5,882	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,488	3,768	18,281
June	4,597	4,596	4,565	4,526	2,714	2,766	5,025	6,224	14,388	14,462	542	21,915	5,700	16,756
1979-80 September	4,658	4,550	4,775	4,849	2,976	2,972	6,035	6,154	14,855	14,875	832	22,078	3,283	19,611

(a) Most of the figures on this page have been revised since the last issue. (b) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax, paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)										UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)					JOB VACANCIES ('000)
Month		Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)	
		Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1978-79	October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		194.0	111.9	61.6	207.9	159.6	367.5		
	November	4,052.4	4,067.5	2,314.6	2,320.3	6,367.0	6,388.1	191.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7	n.a.	
	December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.9	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
	January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
	February	4,135.4	4,107.1	2,337.5	2,322.4	6,472.9	6,427.1	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.	
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8		
	May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3	
	June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3		
	July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5		
1979-80	August	4,100.7	4,122.8	2,314.6	2,329.4	6,415.3	6,453.4	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0	
	September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.0	396.5		
	October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8		
	November	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		170.5	124.6	64.1	182.9	176.3	359.2	34.3	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)															
Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons					
Month		Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	October (c)	3,079.9	3,088.8	1,846.8	1,842.2	4,926.7	4,931.0	3,428.5	3,429.4	1,498.2	1,501.6	1,156.0	1,154.6	988.4	988.0
	November (c)	3,090.3	3,093.0	1,858.8	1,847.0	4,949.1	4,940.0	3,449.5	3,437.0	1,499.6	1,503.0	1,160.4	1,157.5	997.4	989.7
	December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,856.5	1,857.4	4,950.5	4,953.4	3,454.4	3,446.4	1,496.1	1,507.0	1,155.5	1,158.5	1,006.1	992.6
	January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.5	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,153.0	1,158.2	992.0	996.2
	February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.9	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.2	1,160.6	994.2	997.5
	March	3,119.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.7	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	1,163.1	997.1	999.0
	April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0	999.4
	May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9
	June (c)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6
1979-80	July (c)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0). (c) All cited by industrial dispute.

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